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SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP
OF CSTD

1. AT APRIL 8 ECOSOC SESSION, SECT (CORDOVEZ) RECOMMENDED THAT MEETING OF CSTD WORKING GROUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 21 BE POSTPONED. SECT STATED THAT SYG REPORTED ON S&T IN UN WOULD NOT BE READY ON TIME (SYG HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW SPECIAL CONSULTANTS' REPORT OR FOR ADEQUATE CONSULTATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCY). FURTHER, SYG HAS NOT FORMULATED ITS VIEWS ON PROPOSED CONFERENCE WHICH VIEWS WERE TO BE CONSIDERED BY WORKING GROUP. CORDOVEZ SAID THAT RECOMMENDED POSTPONEMENT WOULD NOT DELAY WORK OF CSTD SINCE WORKING GROUP SESSION WOULD BE RESCHEDULED PRIOR TO NEXT SESSION OF CSTD WHICH IN ANY EVENT WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WG REPORTS BEFORE THEY FORWARDED TO ECOSOC.

2. SEVERAL DELS (MEXICO, UGANDA, ROMANIA, JAMAICA, BRAZIL, FRG, PHILIPPINES, UK, USSR, ARGENTINA, US) PARTICIPATED IN ENSUING DEBATE. SECT ROUNDLY CONDEMNED FOR LATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT AND FOR NOT CONSULTING WITH MEMBER STATES BEFORE DOING SO. MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS FELT THAT EVEN WITH INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION, WORKING GROUP COULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION AND MEETING SHOULD GO FORWARD AS SCHEDULED. INTER ALIA THEY ANNOYED AT NEED TO REARRANGE "HIGH LEVEL" DELS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND APRIL 21 SESSION. OTHERS (US INCLUDED) QUESTIONED USEFULNESS OF MEETING IF NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS POSSIBLE. FINAL CON-

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SENSUS WAS FOR ROUND OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS (PRESUMABLY ON

QUESTION OF WHETHER SIGNIFICANT RESULTS POSSIBLE) PRIOR TO FINAL
DECISION BY ECOSOC ON SYG RECOMMENDATION.

3. COMMENT. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, STANKE (ESA/S&T) SAID
SYG DECISION TO POSTPONE CONFERENCE WAS RESULT OF INTRA-SECT
FIGHT AND THAT HE FOR ONE HAD NEVER BEEN CONSULTED. CONTRARY
TO CORDOVEZ, HE ARGUED THAT DOCUMENTATION SUFFICIENT TO BE
PRESENTED TO WORKING GROUP (THOUGH NOT OF BEST QUALITY) AND
THAT MEETING SHOULD GO FORWARD AS SCHEUDLED. CORDOVEZ STILL SAYING
THAT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR WORKING GROUP
AND THIS MAY CARRY THE DAY. HOWEVER, LIKELY COMPRO-
MISE WHICH BEING DISCUSSED IN CORRIDOR IS TO POSTPONE MEETING
BUT TO SET DEFINITE FUTURE DATE FOR IT TO BE HELD.
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